(d) whether it is also a fact that NCERT is giving step motherly treatment to Urdu language?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (d) As reported by NCERT all text books in English based on new syllabus have been released for classes I to XI and upto the 3rd semester for class XII. The translated version in Hindi for all classes would be made available by the time the schools reopen after the vacation.

As per the current practice the translation of text books in Urdu is to be done by National Council for Promotion for Urdu Language (NCPUL). The modalities for getting the new books translated in Urdu are being worked out on priority basis.

Welfare of Divorcees

5190. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have launched any special scheme for the welfare of divorcees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government has launched a number of Schemes such as Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP), Swawlamban (NORAD), Swayam Sidha, Swa-shakti, Socio-Economic Programme and various vocational training programmes to provide sustainable income generation opportunities for poor and needy women. Besides the above, various programmes for advocacy, awareness generation, legal literacy and support services are already under implementation. Hence, it is not considered expedient to launch any special scheme for divorcees.

Encouragement for pure Science

5191. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pure Science is losing popularity among students